

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A swage mount for a recording head suspension comprising:
a flange;
a hub made of a base metal extending from the flange and having an outer surface, the hub having at least one surface protrusion protruding from the outer surface;
at least ~~an~~ the outer surface of the ~~hub~~ being plated with a first metal plating that has a thickness ranging from two fifths of the height of the protrusion to twice the height of the protrusion.
2. (Original) The swage mount of claim 1 wherein the surface roughness, Ra, of the first metal plating is at least 5% of the thickness of the first metal plating.
3. (Original) The swage mount of claim 1 wherein the first metal plating is harder than the base metal by at least 5 Vickers hardness numbers.
4. (Original) The swage mount of claim 1 comprising a second metal plating, applied over the first metal plating.
5. (Original) The swage mount of claim 1 wherein the first metal plating has a thickness in the range 0.01 to 9 microns.
6. (Original) The swage mount of claim 1 wherein the first metal plating has a thickness in the range 0.2 to 20 microns.
7. (Currently amended) The swage mount of claim 1 wherein the first metal plating has a ~~thickness in the range 0.01 to 4 microns~~ columnar structure.
8. (Currently amended) The swage mount of claim ~~4~~ 4 wherein the first metal plating has a ~~thickness in the range 0.2 to 10 microns~~ columnar structure.
9. (Original) The swage mount of claim 3 wherein the base metal comprises stainless steel and the first metal plating comprises nickel.

10. (Original) The swage mount of claim 4 wherein the second metal plating is harder and thinner than the first metal plating.

11. (Original) The swage mount of claim 4 wherein the second metal plating comprises a material selected from the group consisting of rhodium, platinum, cadmium, chromium, tungsten, and nickel.

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